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James Mullen named as new Washington Emergency Management Division Director

CAMP MURRAY – James Mullen, director of emergency management for the city of Seattle, has been selected as the new director of the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD), Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Lowenberg, director of the Washington Military Department, announced today.

Mullen succeeds Glen L. Woodbury, who left WEMD June 30 to accept a faculty position with the Naval Post Graduate School program in homeland security at Monterey, Calif. Woodbury had served as state emergency division director since 1998.

Lowenberg said Mullen was selected through a nationwide job recruitment that had attracted candidates from out of state as well as from local, state and federal agencies.

Mullen has a sophisticated understanding of current and emergency management issues and “a far-reaching vision of how statewide emergency management and homeland security systems should operate,” Lowenberg said.

“Jim’s success in integrating the private sector business community into the city’s emergency management operations is a model of what we have been aspiring to do throughout the state,” said Lowenberg. “He also shares our commitment to providing greater professional assistance training support to local emergency managers and their staffs.”

“I am looking forward to joining an excellent organization at State EMD,” said Mullen. “Together we will maintain the strong programs that currently exist, and collaborate on initiatives that bind the State’s private and public resources.

“Local and county emergency managers are largely unrecognized resources. While their work receives some notice during a disaster, it is their day-to-day efforts to prepare their communities to deal with any and all hazards that make the people of their jurisdictions, and the state, safer,” he added.

Mullen, who holds a master’s degree in education from Western Washington University, has been Seattle’s emergency management director for the past 12 years. Mullen will assume the WEMD director’s position in late July following the National Governor’s Association conference in Seattle.

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